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FOR FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF (OFDA)

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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE ROMANIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU ASKED ME TO MEET HIM URGENTLY
MORNING OF MARCH 6 TO GIVE ME FULL OFFICIAL LIST OF URGENT
ROMANIAN ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND
MEDICINES. LIST FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

IZ2. MACOVESCU SAID PRACTICALLY EVERY SECTION OF THE COUNTRY HAD
FELT SOME EFFECTS OF THE QUAKE. REPORTS WERE SLOW COMING IN
FROM MOLDAVIA BUT IT APPEARED THAT DAMAGE WAS GREATER AWAY
FROM THE EPICENTER, ESPECIALLY IN BUCHAREST AND CRAIOVA.
IN BUCHAREST ALONE IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 20,000 APARTMENTS WILL
HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED BECAUSE THEY ARE UNSAFE. CONFIRMED
NUMBER OF HUMAN LIVES LOST IS PUT AT 450, BUT HE STRESSED THAT
THESE WERE ONLY PRELIMINARY FIGURES. THERE WERE ALSO SUBSTANTIAL
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LOSSES IN INDUSTRY AND SOME ANIMAL LOSSES. (COMMENT: MACOVESCU'S
FIGURES DIFFER FROM WHAT MORNING PRESS CARRIES - NAMELY OVER
500 CMVES LOST IN BUCHAREST AND 2,900 APARTMENTS. THIS MAY JUST
BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF CURRENT CONFUSION).

3. GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DISASTER MACOVESCU ASKED WHETHER
WE WERE IN A POSITION TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS SUCH.

I SAID SO FAR AS I KNEW ALL OUR ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED IN THE FORM OF GOODS AND SERVICES. HE THOUGHT THERE MAY BE NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND POSSIBLY CERTAIN TYPES OF EQUIPMENT, BUT AGREED IT WAS BEST TO GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH US IN SEVERAL DAYS WHEN A MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT COULD BE MADE OF NEEDS. I TOLD HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A DISASTER RELIEF TEAM BUT HE SAID HE COULD NOT BE SURE, BUT AT THIS POINT, DID NOT SEE A NEED FOR DOCTORS AS SUCH IN ANY CASE.

4. MACOVESCU TOLD ME A COORDINATING UNIT HAD BEEN SET UP IN MFA UNDER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PACOSTE AND WE KGE TRYING TO GET MORE SPECIFIC OFFICIAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL.

5. HE PROMISED US URGENT MFA HELP AS POSSIBLE IN REPAIR OF OUR DAMAGED BUILDINGS AND ALSO WITH PROVISION OF TEMPORARY HOUSING.

6. IN ADDITION HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM ALL AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS OF GOR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ALL FACILITIES POSSIBLE FOR REPORTING FULLY ON DISASTER AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OVERCOME ITS CONSEQUENCE".
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